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In re Application of: Michael Austin
Application No.: 09/683249
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For: COMBINED BALLOON-EXPANDING AND SELF EXPANDING STENT
Examiner: Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit: 3731

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Docket No.: S63.2B-10014-US01

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed **August 19, 2003** and is submitted along with a **Request for Continuing Examination (RCE)**. Please amend the application as follows:



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

<u>Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</u> Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).			
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